	1997	1992	1987
Farms		<b></b>	,
Number	1,191	1,099	1,186
Acreage	251,031	227,519	225,762
Average size (acres)	211	207	190
Median size (acres)	110	N	N
Estimated market value average pe	r farm		
Land/buildings (dollars)	403,646	262,334	183,849
Machinery/equip (dollars)	71,613	65,236	46,149
Cropland (acres)			
Total	208,613	194,920	192,556
Harvested	184,682	164,650	143,891
Irrigated	543	143	588
Agricultural products cold morket	h valua		
Agricultural products sold - market (\$1,000)	127,410	88,397	72,686
(dollars avg. per farm)	106,977	80,434	61,287
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Agricultural sales - Net cash return	per farm		
(dollars average)	14,414	10,775	10,569
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Livestock inventory (number)			
Cattle and calves	28,466	32,632	36,815
Beef cows	2,173	2,348	1,642
Milk cows	9,535	11,160	13,688
Hogs and pigs	185,748	135,467	86,089
Sheep and lambs	1,441	2,187	2,765
Layers 13 wks or/older	1,210	D	20,749
Broilers and chicken (sold)	5,106	751	1,135
Harvested commodities (acres)	07.400	.= =	00.045
Corn, grain or seed	87,103	85,536	66,815
Corn, silage or green chop	N	N	N
Sorghum, grain or seed	N	N 1 22 5	N
Wheat	1,287	1,635	2,344
Barley	254	129	120
Oats	2,973	4,344	8,026
Rice	N	N	N
Sunflower seed	0	0	0
Cotton	N	N	N
Tobacco	N 70.210	N 46 741	N 36.004
Soybeans	70,210	46,741	36,094
Dry edible beans, excl limas Potatoes, excl sweetpotatoes	N N	N N	N N
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Sugar beets for sugar Sugarcane for sugar	N N	N N	N N
Peanuts for nuts	N	N	N
Hay-alfalfa	20,037	21,521	25,864
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Vegetables			
Number of farms	N	N	N
Acreage	N	N	N

## RICE COUNTY, MN CONT.

**Orchards** 

Number of farms	N	Ν	Ν	
Acreage	N	Ν	N	

## Abbreviations/footnotes:

N represents zero.

0 represents an insignificant amount.

D-Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual farms.

Source: USDA, NASS, 1997 Census of Agriculture